

FARMERS' ALLIANCE INSTITUTE.

MR. EDITOR:—I ask leave, through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, to outline the scope and purposes for which the "Wake County Alliance Institute," is intended. The regular routine work demanding the attention of the meetings of the County Alliance consume all its time to the exclusion of any matters pertaining to "home reforms," and of a necessity, the County Alliance has established this Institute, as an auxiliary in carrying out its great mission. The County Institute then, is a creature of the mother Alliance, and has no authority outside of that specially delegated by the County Alliance. All by-laws showing authority or regulating the delegations of the County Institute, are giving it by the County Alliance. Its purposes relate more directly to the third section of the Alliance declaration of institutions, i. e. "To develop a better state mentally, morally, socially and financially." Its purposes are to reach the fireside of every farmer in Wake County—let his condition be ever so exalted or ever so humble, if his latch-string hangs out at the door.

The doors of this Institute will be thrown open to all who feel an interest in improving the condition of the laboring classes; and all such are earnestly invited to co-operate with us in this much needed reform.

As is implied in the name given this organization, it is intended to teach by practical methods, the reforms desired to be obtained. To the twenty-eight hundred Alliance men in Wake County, we do assert that our mode of farming can be improved; but it rests on the individual effort of each farmer who desires to be benefited, and if any there be who entertain the delusion that help will come without a consideration on their part, let me urge you, for the comfort and happiness of those depending upon you, to grope no longer in darkness, but come out and be a man.

We must pull out of the old ruts and get on a sure foundation, and to do this, we must encourage the disheartened farmer by making his work as intensely interesting as possible—his interests are at his home and his heart and mind must be kept there also. Practical results are the aims intended to be obtained—reforms in reality and not in theory are demanded for the relief of this people. An intelligent comprehension of the situation of our farming interests is first to be considered, and there we formulate a remedy and make its application practical. The custom of planting all cotton to the exclusion of making home supplies, has not only impoverished our pockets, but our lands also, and hence the bane of all our troubles. A large number of acres to the plow regardless of preparation and cultivation, has been the rule rather than the exception. Diversified farming then, is the reform, intended to be encouraged by this Institute. A thorough preparation of the soil—judicious manuring—rotation of crops, and resting the land, is the formula intended to be adopted.

It is intended that each sub-Alliance in the county shall take the initiative in the coming year, in the manner of competitive crops. This is the beginning, and our first lesson will be a short one. Let each member of a sub-Alliance take a small area, say, one, two or five acres, as may be agreed upon by the competitors—encouraging every member who will, to join—and plant in corn the coming year—the preparation and cultivation to be left to the skill of each competitor. We must make this work as interesting as possible, and to do so, a premium for the largest yield should be offered. It is suggested that one, two or five bushels, as may be agreed upon, be contributed by each competitor out of his crop for this premium. In like manner we will have our "brag patches" of cotton and other crops in this season, as well as "brag hogs"—but it is no part of our intention to encourage the cultivation of dogs.

It is expected that each competitor will keep a correct account of the mode of preparation—manuring cultivation and measurement of his crop when harvested, together with the entire costs, and report the same to the fall session of this Institute, through the regularly elected delegate from his Alliance. These reports, from actual experiment, are intended to teach our farmers that there is independence and happiness on the farm, when intelligently and systematically managed. No greater social pleasure could be given the farmers of Wake County than an exhibit of these premium crops at the State Fair. I feel sure

every encouragement will be given them by the Secretary.

The mental, moral and social status of our people should be scrupulously nurtured, and will have the special interest of the Institute. There is an eternal fitness in all things, and when rightly adjusted to the ends in view, success will surely follow.

Respectfully,
R. JAS. POWELL,
Pres't Wake Co. Alliance Institute.

IN MEMORIAM.

CAIRO ALLIANCE, No. 67, Dec. 7, '88.
WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst by death on the 6th inst., our venerable and much esteemed brother, Vincent Parsons, in the 67th year of his age; therefore be it

Resolved, That Cairo Alliance has lost one of its most intelligent, influential and worthy members; and while we bow in humble resignation to this dispensation of Providence, our hearts are sad, realizing that we have sustained an irreparable loss.

Resolved, That the community has lost one of its most generous and patriotic citizens, and the county an officer whose vacancy will be hard to fill.

Resolved, That as a brother of our order and as a christian friend, we will cherish his name, though dead, even as living.

Resolved, That we tender our heart-felt sympathies to the bereaved family, and would remind them that though it is human nature to mourn the loss of departed loved ones—that while they mourn, they mourn not as those who have no hope.

Resolved, That we, in sad, though loving remembrance of him, wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Messenger, Intelligencer and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication, and that they be spread upon the minutes of this Alliance, also a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

J. W. CARTER,
E. M. DIGGS,
J. F. SMITH,
J. A. NIVEN,
W. P. SMITH, Com.

DEEP RIVER ALLIANCE, No. 526,
GULF, N. C., Dec. 10, '88.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the great and alwise God to call from our midst our esteemed brother, friend and neighbor, William Buie; therefore be it

Resolved, That Deep River Alliance, No. 426, has lost one of its best and most influential members, the neighborhood one of its best citizens, and county one of its best farmers.

Resolved, That the community has lost one of its most respected citizens, his wife a kind and good husband, his children a kind and affectionate father.

Resolved, That we tender to his good wife and children our deepest sympathies and point them to the great and alwise God, who has promised to be a father to the fatherless and the widows.

Resolved, That this Alliance will ever cherish the memory of our good brother and strive to follow his example and to renew our association with him on the happy shores of endless rest.

Resolved, That we will wear the usual badge of mourning for the next month, and that a copy of this be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the Chatham Home for publication and that a copy containing these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

W. E. GOLDSTON,
J. W. BERTMAN,
W. D. HOOKER, Com.

DEPUTY ORGANIZERS.

Below we publish the list of Deputy Organizers who have been commissioned since the meeting of the State Alliance and the counties to which they have been assigned. Persons in these counties desiring the services of Organizers will apply to them. Organizers are urged to work the territory as speedily and as thoroughly as possible.

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Henderson, J. W. Butler.
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Hyde, Francis Joyner.
Iredell, J. M. Shook.
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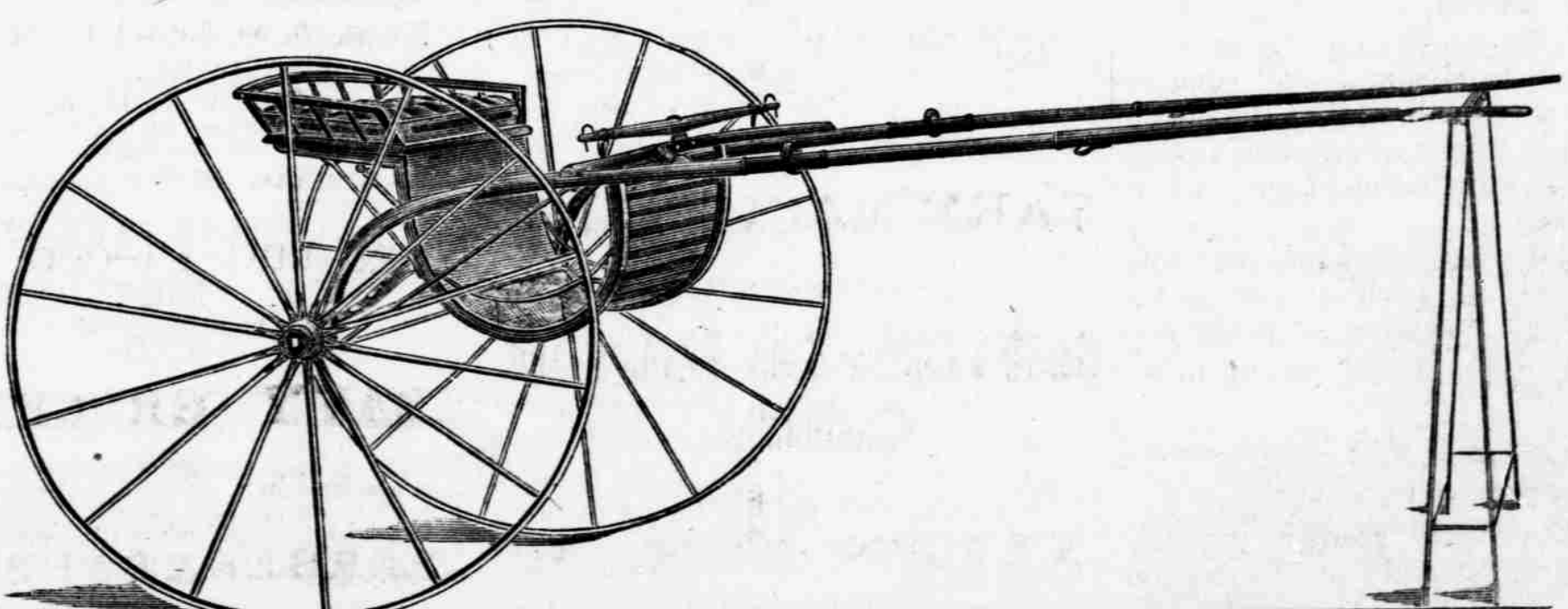
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